



## Meridian Primary School Governing Body

17<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an exciting year at Meridian Primary School. There have been many highlights this year - The Arts Festival, London Schools Gold Club Award, innovative dance projects, sustained progression and attainment for children in every year group, numerous exciting school trips, increased sporting opportunities with continued success in the Greenwich inter-schools swimming competitions and of course our fantastic Y6 SATS results (which were all above national levels of achievement).

I am sure everyone is glad that the school summer holidays have finally arrived as all the children and staff deserve a well-earned break.

Earlier this year I wrote to you on behalf of the Governing Body explaining that we were going through a detailed Reconstitution process in line with new Department of Education Regulations. This was to ensure that our Governing Body possessed the correct skills and expertise to provide strong, effective governance.

This restructuring process was completed in the Spring term. The Local Authority has now formally ratified our new Constitution. Under the Regulations some of the categories of governors have changed. We are an entirely voluntary body and now made up of the following categories:

<i>Parent Governor</i>	elected by parents/carers.
<i>Co-opted Governor</i>	appointed on the basis on the skills they possess to contribute to effective governance
<i>LA Governor</i>	appointed by Local Authority with appropriate skills to contribute to effective governance
<i>Staff Governor</i>	elected by other members of staff
<i>Associate Governor</i>	not a full member – no voting rights

The Membership of the Governing Body are as follows:

Jo Graham	Headteacher
Helen Jenkins (Chair)	Co-opted governor
Matthew Filbee (vice chair)	Co-opted governor
Carol Storer (vice chair)	Co-opted governor
Maggie Shields	Co-opted governor
Mary Dixon	Co-opted governor
Sarah Bray	Parent governor
Maria Leppanen	Parent governor
Richard Graham	Parent governor
Rebecca Evans	Staff governor
Dave Borland	LA governor
Nadia Dickson	Associate governor

The school website is being updated with profiles of all governors, including terms of office, areas of expertise and responsibility within the governing body.

If you have any questions, or would like further information regarding this process or the role of the Meridian Governing Body either myself, Matthew Filbee or Carol Storer (vice-chairs) would be happy to discuss this. Please contact the school office to arrange.

Yours sincerely

Helen Jenkins (Chair of Governors)